# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3031
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CREATION OF NORTH EAST REGIONAL OFFICE
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**Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether a North-East Regional office of the Ministry was created and is operating in Guwahati;

(b) if so, details thereof and functional status thereof;

(c) whether post of Chief Engineer, NER was temporarily withdrawn from Guwahati and allowed to function from Delhi;

(d) if so, details thereof with reasons for such withdrawal; and

(e) the time by which the office is likely to be made functional by reposting the Chief Engineer?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) Yes, Sir;

(b) The Regional Office at Guwahati is functioning since 1st September,1976;

(c) & (d) The last Chief Engineer was transferred from Guwahati to New Delhi in December,1992 for administrative reasons. At present all Regional Offices are headed by Superintending Engineers. However, keeping in view the importance of North Eastern Region, a Zone headed by a Chief Engineer has been created at Headquarters in New Delhi, exclusively for this Region.

(e) There is no proposal at present for posting of Chief Engineer in the North East.